

Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

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The Spark-Gap

JUNE 1992

RESULTS OF MAY VE TESTING

John Allen	Scottsburg	NC TECH
Jack Boyce	Indianapolis	NC TECH
Wm. Cullison	Seymour	NC TECH
Vernon Gill *	Franklin	NC TECH
Darrel Hisle	Greenfield	NC TECH
Mike Loesch	Columbus	NC TECH
David Lynch	Columbus	NC TECH
Emery McClellan	Seymour	NC TECH
Lloyd Wilkerson	Seumour	GENERAL

*Member of Mid-State ARC

DEVRY TESTING PROGRAM FOLDS

We got the word on Newsline that DeVry Institute was dropping the DeVry Test program effective immediately. Since our local team had a group of committed dates for testing, we were concerned about the future of the testing program in our area. All members of the team were contacted and asked to respond to these three options:

1. Dissolve the team.
2. Become an ARRL team and continue with our schedule.
3. Consider going with the Sunnyvale California VEC.

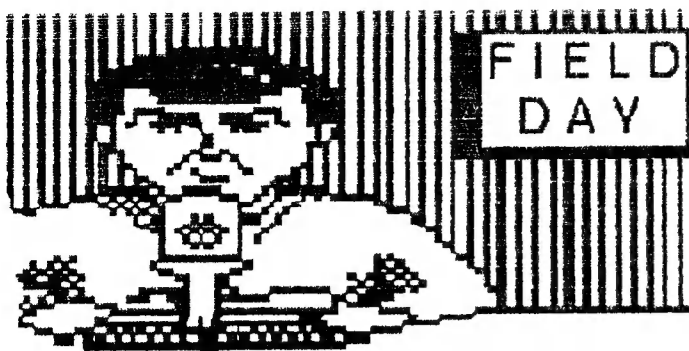
The team chose to go with the ARRL VEC program since the probability of ARRL getting out of the testing business is not likely to happen. Therefore, the team will continue with the set schedule with the next session on June 20. There will be no changes in the test procedure. The same team members will be testing in the same manner as before.

HORSES, HORSES EVERYWHERE!

I want to thank all the Amateur Radio operators who helped with the radio net at the Hoosier Horse Park in Camp Atterbury May 30th. This was the annual Indiana Combined Training Association's Cross Country competition. Eighteen radio operators were placed at jumps around the course to report any difficulties or emergencies. Over 170 competitors toured the course during the day long event. The wind and cold temperatures made the day uncomfortable, but our radio operators performed with world class skill in covering the event. Augmenting our operation were four hams from Columbus. Our thanks to Jim W9W, Lois KA9IOS, Marion WD9HTN and Ken W9QZE. Other participating amateurs were Joe KA9ZPA, Jabran N9KZA, Lendal W9LNX, Irv W9KRM, Tom N9AZD, Dick W9UWL, Mac NV9K, Dave KA9OOH, Dave WB9YIG, Dan W9MLN, Bob N9IMP and Jack NT9J at net control. The next scheduled equestrian event is in August, Jack NT9J

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One year ago ...

Plans were announced for the Field Day preparations. Pat, W9PSD was in charge and Joan, N9DON took care of the food and the Sunday morning breakfast. Eight new area hams were produced by the annual Spring Novice Class.



Field Day Plans

Preparations have begun for the Field Day event scheduled for June 27th and 28th. Bob Cammack, N9IMP is in charge, and he has been busy calling members for help. We will operate again this year from the meeting room next to the park office. Kim Winniger, the park manager informed us that the annual fireworks display at Atterbury will be held during our Field Day on Saturday night. You might recall that Jack NT9J got some spectacular video footage of the crane and beams against the fireworks in the background a couple of years ago. There will be a lot of activity around the park on Saturday!

Bob has assigned the following Field Day committees:

Equipment Director: Dan Cammack W9MLN

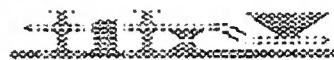
Food Director: Pat Pyle W9PSD

Antennas: Lendel Cook W9LNX and Jabran Soubeih N9KZA,

Present plans are to operate three transmitters as 3A Indiana. A novice station and a packet station are also being considered. We will start setting up the antennas at 8:00 AM and begin inside set-up about 10 AM. Another group will be using the room until then. All volunteers will be welcome to help with antennas and transmitter setups. At press time the crane and generator use had not yet been confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS

We have five new members since the May newsletter: Ron Taylor, Carolyn Taylor, Vernie Parton, Vernon Gull, and Roy Barnes N9PFZ.



Silent Key

The Columbus newsletter, TRANSMITTER has announced the passing of Chuck Bavis KA9UYO. Chuck participated in several of our equestrian events and was a very active member of the Columbus Club. He will be missed.



MID-STATE CALENDAR

JUNE

20 Club Meeting and VE Testing

Business: Final Field Day Plans

Program: Video tape of SPARK-GAP

JULY

11-12 Indianapolis Hamfest

18 Club Meeting and VE Testing

Business: Appoint Nominating Committee

Program: To be announced

AUGUST

15 Club Meeting and VE Testing

Business: Present Nominating slate and take any nominations from the floor. (This is the only time floor nominations can be made.)

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SEPTEMBER

19 Club Meeting and VE Testing

Business: Ballot count and election of new officers.

OCTOBER

17 Club Meeting and last 92 VE Testing

Business: New Officers assume duties.